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SUBJ: PORTUGUESE TRADE DELEGATION IN GABON

1. A TWENTY-SEVEN MEMBER PORTUGUESE TRADE DELEGATION ARRIVED IN LIBREVILLE JUNE 19 FOR ONE WEEK TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITIES FOR INCREASED TRADE BETWEEN PORTUGAL AND GABON AS WELL AS POSSIBILITIES FOR GENERAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION. ACCORDING TO GABONESE DAILY "L'UNION,"

MISSION WAS ORGANIZED BY GABON'S AMBASSADOR TO PORTUGAL, JOSEPH MISSANDA, AND IS HEADED BY SERGIO TEIXEIRA DE QUEREZ AND DR. TRAVARES DA SILVA, RESPECTIVELY PRESIDENT AND SECRETARYGENERAL OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF PORTUGAL. DELEGATION WILL HAVE WORKING SESSIONS IN LIBREVILLE AND MAY TRAVEL TO INTERIOR OF GABON.

2. ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN SOME TRADE BETWEEN PORTUGAL AND GABON FOR SEVERAL YEARS, PRIMARILY IN TIMBER AND WINE, THIS IS FIRST VISIT OF OFFICIAL DELEGATION TO GABON. AREAS OF POSSIBLE ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL COOPERATION BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES ARE IN FISHING, FOODSTUFFS, AND LIGHT INDUSTRY. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORT, REPRESENTATIVES OF GABONESE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND MANY LOCAL FIRMS (GENERAL IMPORTERS, EQUIPMENT DEALERS, MINING COMPANIES, FOREST INDUSTRY, AND FOOD DISTRIBUTORS) WILL HOLD GENERAL AND INDIVIDUAL

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MEETINGS WITH DELEGATION MEMBERS.

3. PRESS ARTICLE DESCRIBING VISIT POINTED OUT THAT DELEGATION VISIT WAS PART OF PORTUGUESE EFFORT TO QUOTE IMPROVE ITS IMAGE IN AFRICA UNQUOTE.TIENKEN

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